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Removal of planned pedestrian path will pose significant safety hazard for Las Palmas residents (File #: 2015-7028 Location: Las Palmas development)

Anne Maggioncalda [REDACTED]

Mon, Sep 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM

To: rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov, PlanningCommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov, hhom@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us,

[REDACTED] Frank Grgurina <fgrgurina@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>

Cc: Alison Magg [REDACTED]

Hello Folks,

I am just resending my previous email regarding Cherry Glen Plaza/Las Palmas Pedestrian Connection/File 2015-7028. I remain very concerned about emergency evacuation if the pedestrian pathway accessing S. Mathilda from Las Palmas is not installed as planned. I plan to attend the meeting to find out how the safety issues will be addressed. If there is any additional information I can review before the meeting, please let me know.

Thank you,
Anne Maggioncalda

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From: **Anne Maggioncalda** [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, Mar 22, 2015 at 9:58 PM

Subject: Removal of planned pedestrian path will pose significant safety hazard for Las Palmas residents (File #: 2015-7028 Location: Las Palmas development)

To: rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov, PlanningCommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Cc: hhom@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, [REDACTED] fgrgurina@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Dear Mr. Kuchenig and Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

Thank you for the notice about the planning commission meeting on September 28. We are owners of a town home located at 524 Crowne Point Terrace in the south-east corner of the Las Palmas development. We are very concerned about the removal of the planned pedestrian connection from Las Palmas to Cherry Glen Plaza. If this pedestrian path is not implemented as planned, we think this will be a significant safety hazard for residents in this area of the development. In the event of a fire or other serious emergency, residents would be unable to rapidly evacuate and could end up being trapped. We think it is critically important that this path exist as planned. If there is to be redevelopment of the Cherry Glen Plaza, a pedestrian connection from Las Palmas to S. Mathilda Avenue should be required in order to insure the safety of Las Palmas residents.

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Las Palmas townhouse development APNs: 201-40-043 thru 078

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Glenis Koehne [REDACTED]

Sun, Sep 20, 2015 at 2:51 PM

To: rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Cc: City of Sunnyvale <ssloan@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, citymgr@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

File #: 2015-7028

Dear Mr. Kuchenig,

We strongly oppose any modification to remove the requirement for the planned pedestrian connection from Las Palmas Townhouse Development to Cherry Glen Plaza. This additional connection will ease some of the pedestrian traffic from the other two exits and may even encourage residents to leave their cars at home and walk to neighboring businesses and park.

Sincerely,

Paul and Glenis Koehne
761 Danforth Terrace



Ryan Kuchenig <rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

File #: 2015-7028 - Las Palmas Townhouse Development--Request for Modification

Johann George [REDACTED]
To: rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
Cc: Planning <planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 7:46 PM

Dear Mr. Kuchenig,

Regarding the request to eliminate the pedestrian connection to Cherry Glen Plaza being held at the Planning Commission Hearing on March 23, 2015.

We would like to see this request denied as it would affect our community at Old Orchard by increasing pedestrian traffic towards Reseda Drive onto Danforth Drive. The originally planned connection to Cherry Glen Plaza will help ease that traffic.

Kind regards,

Johann and Daniela George
[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
[REDACTED]



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Jerry Wong [REDACTED]
To: rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
Cc: planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 6:31 PM

Dear Mr. Kuchenig,

Re: Request to Eliminate pedestrian connection to Cherry Glen Plaza. Planning Commission Hearing, March 23, 2015

Would you please put me down as not in favor of the request. I would prefer that the plan to have the connection go forward.

As far as I understand, this was a condition of the project, so it has already been agreed to. I don't think it can be a majority-rule change, if parties agreed to the project with this understanding. I may not be able to attend the hearing in person. Would you please represent our neighborhood's views in this regard.

Best regards,
Jerry Wong
[REDACTED]

Sunnyvale, CA



Ryan Kuchenig <rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

RE: Las Palmas Townhome Development..Request to eliminate pedestrian connection to Cherry Glen Plaza

George Hamma [REDACTED]
Reply-To: George [REDACTED]
To: "rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov" <rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 4:02 PM

Greetings,

It is my understanding that SummerHill is requesting an amendment to remove the Requirement for a third exit from their Las Palmas Townhome Development going to Cherry Glen Plaza. If that request were approved, there would only be two pedestrian exits from the 103 home project...El Camino and Reseda onto Danforth Drive.

I am asking the Planning Department to DENY that request.

-George Hamma
[REDACTED] Sunnyvale



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File #: 2015-7028 (Request for Modification) Las Palmas Townhouse Development

Ashish Ondhia [REDACTED]
To: rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
Cc: Inbal Ondhia [REDACTED]

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 2:22 PM

Dear Mr. Kuchenig,

Re: Request to Eliminate pedestrian connection to Cherry Glen Plaza
Planning Commission Hearing, March 23, 2015

I recently received a notice in the mail about a proposal to eliminate a pedestrian connection from the Las Palmas Townhouse Development to Cherry Glen Plaza. Per the notice I understand that there is a meeting to discuss the proposed revision on March 23.

We are very much against the request to amend the plan. The developer should honor the existing plan (with the pedestrian connection) which was previously approved. **We need to ensure our community is accessible by foot and that there is another exit to ease pedestrian traffic.** We are against the amendment and feel that Las Palmas Townhouse Development should be held accountable to their original plan. **We recommend that the request be denied.**

Thank You,

Ashish & Inbal Ondhia
[REDACTED]

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Ashish Ondhia
[REDACTED]



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File #: 2015-7028 - Las Palmas Townhouse Development - Request for Modification

Taed Wynnell [REDACTED]

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Reply-To: Taed Wynnell [REDACTED]

To: "rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us" <rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, "planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us" <planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>

I have heard that the new Las Palmas Townhouse Development is requesting to eliminate the pedestrian walkway which was part of the approved plan.

Without knowing more of the reason behind this request, I will have to be against the elimination.

The popular walking destinations for that development will be:

- * El Camino and the library, which will be handled by the El Camino entrance.
- * Cumberland Elementary School, which will be handled by the Allegheny / Reseda entrance.
- * The shopping center (Trader Joe's, etc.) at the SE corner of El Camino / Mathilda, which would be handled by the proposed walkway.
- * Las Palmas Park and Tennis Center, which would be handled by the proposed walkway.

Eliminating the walkway will increase the walk distance and convenience of the shopping center and Las Palmas Park. It may also be a safety issue as there would be no exits on the South and East sides of the development, though I don't know if that is taken into account.

I am against the elimination of the walkway unless a similar walkway is created.

Thank you.

Taed Wynnell

[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, CA 94087



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File #: 2015-7028 - Las Palmas Townhouse Development--Request for Modification

Glenis Koehne [REDACTED]

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 1:13 PM

To: "rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us" <rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>

Cc: Glenis Koehne [REDACTED] Planning <planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, citymanager@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Dear Mr. Kuchenig,

Re: Request to Eliminate pedestrian connection to Cherry Glen Plaza.
Planning Commission Hearing, March 23, 2015

WE ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST THIS REQUEST. IF IT WAS APPROVED, ALL THE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC WOULD ONLY HAVE TWO EXITS, EL CAMINO AND RESEDA ONTO DANFORTH DRIVE. THERE NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER EXIT TO EASE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC FROM THESE TWO LOCATIONS.

WE RECOMMEND THIS REQUEST BE DENIED.

Glenis and Paul Koehne
[REDACTED]



Ryan Kuchenig <rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Project #2015-7028

Thomas Hadig [REDACTED]
To: rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 12:38 AM

Dear Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

I received the notification about the planning commission hearing regarding the request to remove the requirement for the pedestrian connection from the new Las Palmas townhome development to the Cherry Glen Plaza.

I would like to comment on this proposal and would recommend to deny the request for modification by upholding the original requirement.

Walkability of a neighborhood is an important factor for many living in or moving to an area. Sunnyvale has many pedestrian paths and connections. But living on Danforth Dr has taught me that some of the major roads are dangerous to walk on as a pedestrian and that there are few alternatives. This is especially true for El Camino which is lined with businesses where cars are constantly entering and leaving parking lots without carefully checking for pedestrians. In the area between the Las Palmas townhome complex and the Cherry Glen Plaza, the new Chick-fil-A is a prime example; cars are constantly waiting to enter or leave the parking lot making this a hazard for pedestrians. The new connection between the Las Palmas townhome complex and the Plaza would provide a safer alternative.

For a long time, I have been using the route from Danforth Drive through Las Palmas Park and the townhome development on the former Olson land along Mathilda through the connection to Cherry Glen Plaza and crossing the city hall area to walk to the public library. I don't consider the much shorter route along Hollenbeck/Pastoria walkable due to the width and condition of the sidewalk. For the recent year or two, this pedestrian connection between that townhome complex and Cherry Glen Plaza has been locked (I am not sure if this was a permitted change or an illegal blockage) and I started to use my car to drive the few hundred feet to the library. The planned connection between the Las Palmas townhome complex and Cherry Glen would have finally reopened a safer route and would have been a significant benefit for the Las Palmas neighborhood.

The area will already see an increased amount of vehicle traffic due to the opening of the Resida entrance. Taking the pedestrian connection away will remove the only remaining benefit of the development for our neighborhood.

In summary, I think that the pedestrian connection is a vital part of making Sunnyvale more walkable and the connection should continue to be required as in the currently approved design.

Thanks
Thomas Hadig
[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale